SENATE BILL 565

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to teacher evaluation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302(d), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

Notwithstanding subdivisions (d)(2)(B)(i)-(iii),(d)(2)(B)(vi), and (d)(2)(E)(iii), beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, if a teacher's overall evaluation demonstrates an overall performance effectiveness level of "above expectations" or "significantly above expectations" in each year of a consecutive three-year period and the teacher receives, in one (1) or more of the three (3) school years immediately following that consecutive three-year period, an overall performance effectiveness level of "at expectations" or below due to a decline in student growth data scores, then the teacher may receive, at the teacher's discretion, an overall performance effectiveness level of "above expectations" for each such school year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.